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DOD slows anthrax vaccination program again

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WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Department of Defense is further curtailing the anthrax immunization program due to inadequate supplies of the vaccine, DOD officials said Monday.

Effective immediately, only servicemembers assigned to "special mission units" will receive the six-shot series.

According to base medical officials here, Tyndall is in compliance with the new anthrax policy — giving the immunizations only to those units dubbed as "special mission," mostly special operations flights.

The action is necessary because of delays in DOD receiving Food and

Drug Administration-approved vaccine from Bioport Corp., the sole source of the vaccine.

The FDA is expected to approve Bioport, based in Lansing, Mich., for full production by March, said Marine Maj. Gen. Randall West, special assistant to the deputy secretary of defense for chemical and biological protection.

"We have not yet been able to re-establish the supply of certified safe and effective vaccine to continue the program on the schedule," General West said.

The contractor is working to achieve FDA approval of their new expanded manufacturing facility as soon as possible, he said. There are about 30,000 doses of vaccine available for use now.

But until then, DOD will conserve

the dwindling supply of approved vaccine. Only small special operations units, people working on research and some congressionally mandated studies will continue to receive the vaccine, General West said.

This is the third slowdown for the immunization program. In December 1999, DOD stopped inoculating servicemembers other than those deploying to Korea and the Persian Gulf. In November, DOD stopped inoculating servicemembers bound for Korea. Now servicemembers deploying to Southwest Asia will stop receiving the vaccine.

"I wish we had vaccine available to continue the protocols and to continue vaccinating all of our people deploying there," General West said.

About 13,000 U.S. servicemembers are deployed to Southwest Asia — more than 50 from Tyndall. According to DOD and U.S. Central Command, they have sufficient antibiotics on hand for post-exposure treatment in case of an attack.

Troops will have to rely on other forms of protection to an even greater degree, such as chemical and biological protection suits, detectors and intelligence collection and gathering, General West said.

In his opinion, General West said it is imperative that DOD resume the vaccination regime as soon as possible.

"The sooner we can provide this vaccination protection to the entire force, the better I'll sleep at night," he

said. "The weaponized form of anthrax can be delivered by several munitions and is a very deadly threat. You can't see this, you can't smell it, you can't taste it, it's very difficult to detect and if you haven't been vaccinated, by the time you detect symptoms of anthrax, it's too late to save a person's life."

People who have begun the vaccination regime will not have to start over when the program resumes.

"Fortunately, even a couple of shots provides some resistance to anthrax," General West said. "They'll be able to start the protocols where they left off."

"When we do have the vaccine replenished, the first place the vaccine will go is Southwest Asia," General West said.

Tyndall pilot joins elite club, breaks 3,000-hour milestone

Senior Airman Russell Crowe

*325th Fighter Wing
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Three thousand hours equals 180,000 minutes — and it equals 10,800,000 seconds.

That's 1,000 screenings of *Saving Private Ryan*, more days than the entire Gulf War, and more time than anyone, other than 18 other Air Force pilots, can say they've spent in an F-15 Eagle.

Lt. Col. Dave Freaney, 1st Fighter Squadron commander, recently joined the ranks of an elite Air Force club, by becoming one of only a handful of pilots to clock more than 3,000 hours in an F-15. The commander of the "Fightin' Furies" landed to fire hoses and congratulations June 8 after clocking his 3,000th hour over the panhandle of Florida.

"I feel honored and I feel lucky," Colonel Freaney said of the experience. "Honored that I was able to achieve the 3,000-hour milestone and lucky that the Air Force assignment system allowed me to stay in the F-15 for so long."

According to Colonel Freaney, many pilots

record three thousand hours of flight time, but due to Air Force needs and manning, many pilots fly more than one aircraft — dividing their flying hours up.

"The primary reason a lot of people don't break the 3,000-hour mark is because they get transferred to another plane. I've been in the Air Force for 20 years now and I've been flying for about 17 of it, and that's pretty typical. It's pretty easy to fly for 17 years out of a 20-year career — but it's very rare that you fly the same airplane for 20 years. Aside from pilot training, that's the only airplane I've ever flown in the Air Force."

And he wouldn't have it any other way.

"This is it — It doesn't get any better than the F-15. It was my first choice out of pilot training and I've been lucky enough to fly it ever since."

All the hours he's racked up have made for quite a bit of sightseeing too. From deployments to Europe to assignments in the Pacific theater — Colonel Freaney's wings have soared across all parts of the world.



Lisa Carroll

Lt. Col. Dave Freaney, 1st Fighter Squadron commander, shakes hands with his wingman, Maj. Rob Destasio, 1st Fighter Squadron Assistant Operations officer, after completing the sortie that put him at the 3,000-hour mark.

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Water receives crystal-clear report

Staff Sgt. Roel Utley
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A report was recently released outlining the safety of the drinking water supplied on Tyndall. The base's bioenvironmental engineering flight conducted more than 180 tests for microbiological contaminants in the base drinking water system. The report found no significant amounts of contaminants in the base water supply except

for a sample collected in January 2000 from the youth center and Berg Liles Dining Facility. It is suspected, however, that the positive result for contaminants were a result of the method used to collect the sample, as repeat samples were negative. Tyndall's water is supplied by the Bay County water treatment plant via Deer Point Reservoir. The water system uses only Environmental Protection Agency-approved laboratory methods to analyze the drinking

water. Bioenvironmental engineers take water samples from the distribution system and residential taps, then send them to an accredited laboratory where lead, copper and other contaminants are analyzed. The full-length report is available for residents to pick up at the bioenvironmental office. Copies will also be posted in the library, base exchange common area, child development center, youth center and community activity center.

People wanting more information can call 2nd Lt. Michael Roberts at 283-7139. Questions regarding Bay County's sampling data can be referred to Charles Goodman at 784-6123.

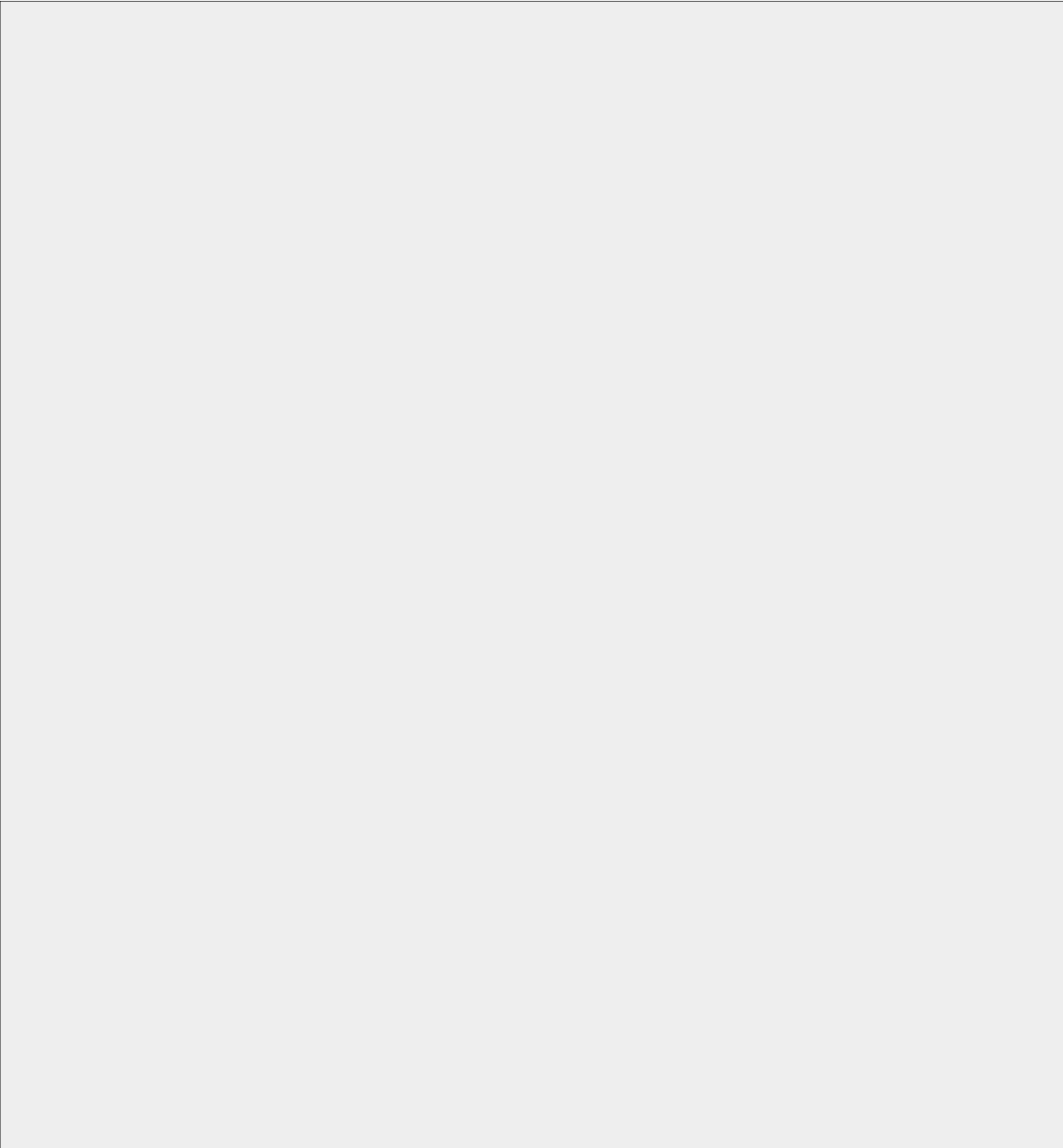


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"I've been assigned to Eglin, Luke and Kadena Air Base. I was assigned to Nellis as a Fighter Weapons School instructor pilot, and now I'm here at Tyndall. I've been very fortunate with the assignment system." The colonel took his first F-15 flight in October of 1982, and he's been hooked ever since. "I remember my very first ride in an F-15," he said. "It was given to me by an exchange instructor pilot from the Australian Air Force named Flight Lt. Brian Johnson back in October 1982. I didn't know I wanted to be an F-15 pilot before I came in. I really developed my desire during my first year in the Air Force during pilot training. I know now that I made the right decision – I wouldn't have traded it for anything." His 3,000 hours break down into some pretty amazing numbers. According to the colonel, the average mission runs about 1.3 hours. The

biggest flying stretches are ocean crossings, when pilots deploy from the continental U.S. to overseas. A lot of those flights run in excess of 12 hours — but the majority of the 3,000 hours are made up of short missions. Colonel Freaney has flown more than 2,400 sorties. But not all of those sorties were a walk in the park. One in particular stands out in his mind. "One time I was flying back from Europe across the north Atlantic and it was me, another F-15 and a tanker," he said. "I developed an in-flight fuel leak and I remember looking down into the ocean, even from 30,000 feet, and thinking 'man, that water's got to be cold.' I remember tightening up my 'poopy-suit' in case I had to get out of the airplane. For whatever reason, that's about the only time I was ever worried in the F-15. If that fuel leak didn't stop on its own, I didn't have too many options." The colonel said the best part of his job is being able to work with a new genera-

tion of fighter pilots. "For me, the best part of being an F-15 pilot is instructing brand new second lieutenants and passing on all the experience I've accumulated to a new generation. I'll be gone one of these days and the only thing left will be the young guys, so it's really important to teach these folks. I was lucky as a second lieutenant to be trained by some very capable instructors. So I'm really just passing it on from the generation right before me. The guys that trained me were the Vietnam-era crowd, and the lessons learned from that generation were applied to the F-15 and that's gotten us to where we are today – at peak readiness." If you think the colonel might be planning to slow down – think again. He's going to keep on pressing ahead, looking forward to what the future may hold. "I'm not done with the Air Force yet," he said. "I probably won't log another 1,000 hours – but 500 is a real possibility."



Air Force extends F-22 public comment period

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN)—In response to public requests, the Air Force has extended the deadline for submitting public comments on the F-22 Raptor draft environmental impact statement from June 10 to June 25.

The Air Force is committed to public involvement throughout the environmental impact analysis process of its proposed action to establish the first operational wing of F-22 Raptors at Langley, officials said. Four alternative bases are also being considered: Eglin and

Tyndall AFB, Fla.; Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska; and Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

The environmental impact analysis examines issues relating to land use, airspace and safety, air and water quality, noise, socioeconomic, and biological and cultural resources. The final F-22 EIS will be complete and provided to the public in February.

Tyndall is being considered for the operational base in addition to already being the training base for the F-22 program. The first F-22s are scheduled to arrive here for

the training program in February 2002.

The draft EIS for Tyndall Air Force Base along with all other bases being considered can be viewed on the Web at www.cevp.com.

Concerned citizens are encouraged to submit their written comments as soon as possible to permit the most thorough response possible and inclusion into the final F-22 EIS. Please forward comments to: HQ ACC/CEVP, Attn: Ms. Brenda Cook, 129 Andrews Street, Suite 102, Langley AFB, Va. 23665-2769.

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Contingency phone number: (877) 529-5540 — This toll-free number is used to disseminate critical information during contingencies such as hurricanes. Use the contingency phone number to keep informed of a situation's current status.

Duty information number: (800) 435-9941 — Use this toll-free number to contact Tyndall for return-to-duty information and status of the base.

Air Force Personnel Center: (800) 435-9941 — A military member can call this number to report their location during the evacuation and receive further instructions.

Base dialing changes

The way we access various telephone services from our official phones throughout the Air Force is changing. Effective the evening of June 26, 2001, the 325th Communications Squadron will convert Tyndall's telephone switch to a new dialing pattern as follows:

Service	Current Access Code	New Access Code
DSN Routine	88	94
DSN Priority	83	93
Commercial (off base)		
Local	9	99
Long distance	91	97

For further information, please call the 325th Communications Squadron Customer Service Center at 283-4896 or the base operator by dialing 0.

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Think again!
Get the facts first.



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career assistance
adviser at 283-
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Category	'00	'01	Trend
On duty	1	0	-1
Off duty	10	4	-6
Traffic	5	2	-3
Sports	4	1	-3
Fatalities	1	0	-1
DUIs	14	9	-5

Commander's Corner



Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins
325th Fighter Wing
commander

Looking at the weather we had at the beginning of the week due to tropical storm Allison making landfall in Houston, I'd like to reiterate the need for an evacuation plan for you and your family members. It is much easier to have a plan and not use it than to not have a plan and have to scramble at the last minute. I would like to feel confident that all Team Tyndall members are ready and able to head to their designated safe haven during an evacuation. Remember to make arrangements for your pets prior to evacuating. We can never be too prepared for such an occurrence.

Although hurricanes pose a great risk that may require evacuating, the smaller storms require a wary eye as well. Because we are so close to sea level, water doesn't really have anywhere to go. When water collects on roads, hydroplaning can become a dangerous byproduct. Slow down and take your time getting to where you need to be. Plan on leaving earlier so you don't have to rush. Another concern during inclement weather is tornadoes. When conditions are favorable for one, be sure to stay tuned to the radio or television and stay apprised of any issued warnings. Practice what to do in case of a tornado. Make sure children know to seek shelter in the innermost space in your house, preferably under a table or in a tub.



Whatever the weather is, be careful out there.

As we head into the weekend, I'd like to remind everyone that Father's Day is Sunday. Please take the time to show your appreciation to the father figure in your life. Through their hard work and caring hands, fathers provide a foundation for their children that will last a lifetime.

I would like to congratulate Lt. Col. David Freaney, 1st Fighter Squadron commander, for completing 3,000 hours of flight time in the F-15. He is only the 19th person in the Air Force to have achieved that milestone — a testament to his commitment to the Air Force.

We're only a few weeks away from Tyndall's Heritage Day celebration. Make plans to attend this event from 4-10 p.m. July 3 in Heritage Park. The day promises to be fun for the whole family and our neighbors in the local community. The celebration is free and open to the public and will feature music, food and most importantly, fireworks.

Have a great Air Force week!



Action Line



Lisa Carroll

Change of command

Col. Worth Carter, 325th Support Group commander, symbolically hands over the guidon and command of the 325th Mission Support Squadron to Lt. Col. Deanna Paulk, who replaces Maj. Kathleen Smith. The change of command ceremony was Tuesday in the officer's club.

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or fa-

cility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

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325th Fighter Wing
commander

Tyndall's chapel schedule

Protestant

Communion Service: 9:30 a.m.
Chapel 1
General Protestant Service: 11 a.m. Chapel 2
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
Kids' Club: 2:45-5:45 p.m. Wednesday
Chapel 1: 283-2691
Chapel 2: 283-2925

Catholic

Daily Mass: noon Monday through Friday, Chapel 2
Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday
Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, Chapel 2
Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Chapel 2
Religious education: 10:50 a.m. Sunday

Other faith groups: Call 283-2925

Commentary

The American Flag: A symbol we all share

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Lying on my cot, I stared blurrily through the mosquito netting. It was just after midnight Jan. 17, 1991, and my tentmates and I were restless with the feeling something was going to happen. We had been deployed to the Middle East country of Qatar since the end of August 1990 in support of Desert Shield, which, little did we know, was about to turn into Desert Storm.

A 4-by-6-inch souvenir American flag was tacked to the MRE boxes I used as drawers. It just hung there, small but majestic in all that it stood and still stands for, its simple colors hiding deep, complex meanings. I stared at it thinking that I never really knew what that flag stood for. We all know the core meanings — duty, honor, country. But something that happened later that day made me think otherwise, something that showed me the fabric of the flag is more than just devotion — it’s a symbol of faith and belief.

I had dozed off just before the sirens wailed. The war had begun for the 401st Tactical Fighter Wing. Our pilots had been up for quite a while going over the latest intelligence reports, planning their missions and just trying to let their general state of nervousness ebb. It was obvious what we had to do; after all, we had spent years training for it.

I grabbed the flag and tucked it into my pocket. As I ran out through the door flap, I stumbled into a small group of restless airmen standing around our sandbag-fortified bunker listening to the radio as President George Bush gave his speech to the world that Desert Storm had begun. F-117 stealth fighters had just unloaded their bombs on Baghdad. One person exclaimed, “Oh, man, they really did it! Let’s go get ‘em!”

The flightline buzzed with activity as the sun spread its wake-up call over the desert. I raced out with my camera and notepad, trying to capture the most important moment in the wing’s history. Standing underneath the wing of an F-16, I watched as crew chiefs, looking grim yet excited, readied their jets for combat missions that changed the course of history.

That was when emotions washed over me. Crew chiefs poised at parade rest as their pilots warmed up their jets to high-pitched whines. They pulled out from their parking spaces and taxied to the end of the runway. In groups of two, they streaked into the sky as glowing afterburners kicked them north toward Iraq.

“My feelings intensified when I saw those jets go,” said our commander, Col. Jerry Nelson. One crew chief, Staff Sgt. Charles Stuart, said, “I just told my pilot, ‘I’ll see you when you get back.’” But I could tell in his eyes he wasn’t sure if that was going to happen.

Watching those jets silhouetted against the sun brought tears to many eyes on the flightline. It was a proud moment for everyone. One crew chief stood silently still; his chest swelled as he held a solid salute until the afterburners winked out. I heard him mumble, “Praise to God that they come back.”

A few hours later, the same crowd that watched the

take-off witnessed the second greatest moment in the wing’s history — all the F-16s landed Code 1, in perfect condition, their weapons loads expended. As everyone cheered the pilots as they taxied to park, a maintenance truck drove past with a sign in the window: Coalition 2, Iraq 0. That meant coalition forces had shot down two enemy jets. Iraq’s air forces didn’t touch us. A cheer erupted.

After his first combat mission, Maj. Dick Shulte said, “I’d be a liar if I said I wasn’t nervous, but there’s so much to do and so much for us to listen for, you’re too busy to be that nervous.”

But one pilot wasn’t too busy to stop and reflect on what he had just done. He looked back at the row of parked F-16s as maintenance crews busily readied them for their next missions.

He reached into his pocket and pulled out an American flag he had carried with him on his mission, the same size as the one I had with me. It was carefully folded, and he just stared at it for a moment.

He pressed the flag against his forehead and his lips moved as if he were reciting a prayer. He turned to head back to the operations trailer. He walked by, pressed the flag into my hand, and said, “Keep the faith, man. Just keep the faith.”

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Those left behind wonder, “Why?”

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D. (AFPN) — “Bob’s dead.” The words are as fresh in my mind today as the day 10 years ago when my wife said them to me while I sat in the barber’s chair at the base exchange.

As the base’s casualty-assistance representative, many thoughts ran through my head. What happened? Was anyone else involved? How did it happen? Who’s doing the casualty reporting? Who’s going to help Bob’s family? Every question was soon answered except the one question I didn’t think of immediately: Why?

The “what happened” was Bob hooked a hose from the exhaust of his car to the driver’s side window, closed all the doors and windows to the car in his sealed garage and started the car. The question of “was anyone else involved” was answered with a resounding yes: from Bob’s wife and infant daughter to the many people who knew him, worked with him and called him friend. I had the pleasure of knowing Bob and his family socially for about a year before his suicide. Although we weren’t buddies, we did build a professional respect for one another.

For me, my coworkers and everyone else who knew Bob, life wouldn’t go on as it had before. I was lucky enough to be busy during the first few days after Bob’s suicide, but once I had the time to reflect, the fundamental question was “why?”

Why did Bob do it? Why didn’t he seek help? Why didn’t he tell someone, and if he did, why didn’t they help him? Why did Bob do this to his family, to his friends, to his

coworkers — to me! Why?

Of course there were no easy answers to these questions, and each question brought up others.

My coworkers and I didn’t talk about it much after an initial counseling with the professionals at mental health, now called life skills support centers. But we all knew it was still in the air. Even though it seemed like we had recovered from it, we hadn’t.

I could tell by the expressions on my coworkers’ faces they felt the same things I felt: hopelessness, loss, guilt, and, above all, confusion. I have to think each of us, in his or her own way, still reflects on the day we heard the news and wonders why. That question will never be answered; the only thing that anyone can do for the future is to be attuned to each other.

Don’t just consider the annual suicide-prevention briefing a standard “bore fest.” Go there as an active participant: learn what the signals of suicide are.

Looking back, I can see where, even as a casual acquaintance, I saw some of the signals in Bob but chose to ignore them. I chose to gossip about Bob’s problems instead of trying to help him. I chose to ignore the signals. I chose the easy way out.

The easy way left a fellow servicemember’s family living the rest of their lives without him — without their husband, their father and their friend. I know it’s not my fault that Bob killed himself, but, like hundreds of other people that knew him, we all probably wish it were our fault he didn’t.

Feature

It's that time of year — ROTC cadets come to Tyndall for encampment and realize ...

Senior Airman Russell Crowe
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I woke up and thought it was 1998. That's the year I went to basic training, and about two weeks ago for the first time since I left Lackland Air Force Base, I heard the all too familiar sounds of cadences, 'personal instruction' and 0-dark-30 physical training. Fortunately for me, I hadn't quantum leaped three years back. I opened my door to the sight of hundreds of future officers marching to chow. Since Tyndall is one of the two bases used to train future officers from Reserve Officer Training Corps detachments all across the country, I guess what I saw wasn't all that unusual. "The Air Force has five field training encampments each year; three at Lackland and two here at Tyndall," said Capt. Patrick Stephens, the assistant commandant of cadets for the encampment here and an

instructor at ROTC Det. 800 at the University of Tennessee. "The two encampments here are going to be about 360 cadets each. Those cadets come from all over the United States — University detachments from most states send cadets." Cadets are given the basics — and then expected to progress as training continues to challenge them throughout the course. "It's a 35-day, five-week encampment," he said. "When they arrive we assume some of them have never even put on a uniform. They get off the bus, the Military Training Instructors we have on loan from Lackland give them a courteous welcome and we spend the first three of four days teaching them very basic things; how to wear the uniform, how to salute, how to report in, how to maneuver through the dining facility, things like that." You read right. There are two MTI's on loan per encampment. So don't lock up when you see a Smokey the Bear hat towering around the base theater or standing at a crosswalk on base.

THIS AIN'T NO

"The MTI's are here primarily to help us with drill and ceremonies, parade, pass and review, revile and retreat," the captain said. "They also help a great deal showing us how to train these people the first four-days they're here — instruction like how to make a bed, how to shine boots, how to put your wall locker together. So, before the cadets even get here we get instruction from those MTI's on how to train those people. That's a great benefit and they're an invaluable part of the process." Then, according to Capt. Stephens, following the first four days or so of basics, expectations raise and dress and appearance, customs and courtesies, stand-by inspections, open-rank inspections, parade and pass and review standards should be met. "On top of standards constantly raising and us expecting more and more, cadets have about three hours of academic study time each day in the base theater," he said. "During this time they're going over things like the code of conduct, professional

relationships, basically everything that ROTC and the Air Education and Training Command thinks that it's imperative that cadets have." This ain't your daddy's basic training, though. In fact, while the encampments in some ways favor basic training and Officer Training School — in other ways are completely different. "Where BMT teaches airmen to receive orders and then carry them out - performing technical duties - our encampment is a place where we are trying to teach these future officers to go on active-duty and be in charge of people - to be responsible enough and professional enough that they can handle 20 or 30 or even, if they were to go into security forces, 44 troops under them immediately," Capt. Stephens said. "That's our responsibility here and we try to get them ready for that as best we can. The biggest difference between what we're doing and OTS is that we're only here for 35 days, where OTS runs about four months. A big part of that difference is that our cadets have



Photos by Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

SUMMER CAMP

classroom training for several years — people going into OTS haven't had that, so to make up for that time they didn't get in the classroom, their course has to be significantly longer."

In addition to the flight training officers (similar to MTI's) and the MTI's that teach cadets, there are troops from within the cadets own ranks that help with training.

"We have CTA's — cadet training assistants, and those are cadets who went to field training last summer, performed very well, and were recommended to return this summer to be training assistants to help the flight training officers," the captain said. "They do a great job and are a huge help. With 28-30 cadets per flight, that's a lot of people for one FTO to keep their eyes on."

With such a large number of cadets in the encampment good interaction between the base and the ROTC unit is imperative.

"We have a lot of interaction with the base," he said. "We have transportation that we depend on, we have the dining facility we

depend on, the base theater we use everyday, the athletic field, the track, everything that these guys use everyday Tyndall is responsible for making it happen. We're very appreciative of the host units and the support they've given us and we definitely couldn't do it without them."

According to the captain, the best part of working with the training is watching the progression from cadet to an airman that's ready for active-duty.

"The best part of doing this is seeing a cadet who doesn't know how to salute or make a bed on day 1 walk out of here on day 35 marching proud through parade, needing little to no instruction, knowing how to wear there uniform properly and knowing customs and courtesies," he said. "There's a lot of satisfaction in seeing that progression. That's the primary reason I enjoy doing this - seeing people leave much more prepared for the Air Force, much more professional, much more exposed to what the Air Force will expect from them than when they got here."



(Far left) Cadets go over the instructions during a Leadership Reaction Course challenge. In the LRC, cadets are given an obstacle to overcome with minimal supplies. (Left) Cadets start their morning workout at 5 a.m. with push ups, crunches and jogging. (Above) Cadets attempt to traverse an obstacle in the LRC.

AAFES promotion winner receives shopping spree

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public affairs

Tyndall’s base exchange, in conjunction with the Coca-Cola bottling company of Panama City, awarded a \$500 Army and Air Force Exchange Service shopping spree to Tech. Sgt. Keith Jones, 325th Communications Squadron maintenance training manager on Tuesday.

“I am still not sure what we are going to spend the money on. My oldest son, Spencer, wants a subwoofer, while my other son, Jacob, wants a hand-held TV. My wife, Sandy, told me I could get whatever I wanted, but I just haven’t decided,” said Sergeant Jones.

Mary Riley, AAFES service office assistant, said that the five-\$100 gift certificates can be used at any AAFES facility, at any time. “They can be spent all at once, or saved for a later date, such as Christmas. It is all up to Sergeant Jones,” said Ms. Riley.

Whether Sergeant Jones spends the money on car repair or that DVD player he was eyeing, he wants the money to go to something that the whole family can enjoy. “Maybe I will just let everyone in the family pick something,” he said.

This isn’t the first contest that Sergeant Jones has participated in, but it is certainly the most rewarding. “I have never won anything this big before,” he said.



Tech. Sgt. Keith Jones, 325th Communications Squadron maintenance training manager, is helped by AAFES employee Sarah Krul. Sergeant Jones won five \$100 AAFES gift certificates in a joint promotion between the Tyndall Base Exchange and the Coca-Cola bottling company of Panama City.



German law bans import of some dog breeds

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AFP)—A new German federal law designed to better protect citizens from attacks by dangerous dogs bans the import of four canine breeds into Germany.

The law bans the import of the pit bull, American Staffordshire terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier and bull terrier, as well as crossbreeds of these dogs.

The law also applies to other dog breeds suspected of being dangerous, but varies from state to state in Germany.

The decision to impose statutory sanctions on certain canine breeds in Germany was prompted by an alarming increase in the number of dog attacks on people last year.

Germany defines dangerous dogs as “those that have bitten or otherwise shown aggressive behavior toward people, those that chase game, or those that display an abnormal

readiness to fight or attack other dogs.”

Tighter restrictions affect certain breeds and their owners under the “Law Concerning the Control of Dangerous Dogs.”

Published by the German federal government, the rules complement state laws and ordinances regarding canines. Pet owners who violate the new import prohibitions can face charges and their dogs could be confiscated under the new guidelines.

The main thrust of the new law is to prevent the importation of the four targeted breeds of dog, or their crossbreeds, into Germany, said Robert Dunn, chief of U.S. Army Europe’s Foreign Law Branch.

“However, it also applies to dogs already in Germany if they are kept in a state which prohibits having that particular breed of dog,” Mr. Dunn said. “States may also require pet owners to have a

permit in order to keep some of these dogs.”

In some instances, pet owners may move from one German state to another and not realize that the place they now live in may prohibit the breed, he said.

“For example, in the German state of Bavaria, the Bandog and Tosa Inu also are prohibited. Owners moving to a military installation in Bavaria will not be allowed to bring these breeds into the state,” he said.

Other breeds considered dangerous in the state of Bavaria include the bull mastiff, mastiff, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Dogue de Bordeaux, Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro, Mastin Espanol and Mastino Napoleon.

Owners of these breeds must register their dogs with German authorities in the state of Bavaria. Other German states require registering these dogs only if they have a record of or tendency toward aggressiveness.

The new German law also prohibits breeding aggressive dogs, Ministry of the Interior officials said. Breeding and trading in dangerous dogs is a violation of state laws and is punishable under the German penal system.

The dangerous dog ordinances are continually evolving and may change, Mr. Dunn said. “Americans who are relocating to Germany should seriously consider these requirements and the consequences of bringing a dangerous dog into the country.”

The United Kingdom, Belgium and Turkey also have restrictions for certain breeds of dog. Italy and Spain currently have no restrictions.

More information is available at local military veterinary treatment facilities or via e-mail through the 100th Medical Detachment, Veterinary Service headquarters at 100thdcts@med30.heidelberg.amedd.army.mil.

FOCUS 56 MEETING

- NCO Academy Auditorium
- Tuesday, 19 June 01, at 1500
- Open to all Staff Selects through TSgts
- Guest speaker will be Chief Hodges, Command Chief Master Sergeant

For more info call Tech. Sgt. West at 3-3238 or visit <http://www.geocities.com/tyndallf56>

The Gulf Guide

Your link to what's going on in the Tyndall community

This Week

June 15 GCCC registration

Today is the last day for on-campus registration for Gulf Coast Community College's summer B semester. Fall registration dates at GCCC will be July 9-20 and Aug. 15-17. For more information, call the education center, 283-4332.

June 18 Anger-management workshop

The three-session anger-management workshop will continue 1-3 p.m. Monday and June 25 in the family advocacy conference center. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

June 18 CY01 Majors central selection board

The CY01A Majors convenes Monday. Anyone with questions regarding board eligibility can call Staff Sgt. Calvin Ridley, NCOIC, Career Enhancements, DSN 283-3198.

Summer youth art program

The Visual Arts Center of Northwest Florida's summer youth art program will be Monday-July 27. Classes will be 9:30 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday at the visual arts center, 19 East 4th St., Panama City. The cost is \$45 per week for members and \$55 per week for non-members. For more information, call the visual arts center, 769-4451.

June 19 Civil Air Patrol meeting

Civil Air Patrol meetings for boys and girls 12 years old and older will be held 6:00-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Building 852. The CAP offers local and national activities with a focus on educational and professional development. For more information, call Capt. Laura Palm, 283-7594, or Master Sgt. Perry Newberry, 283-4189.

June 20 Stress-management workshop

The last meeting of the three-session stress-

management workshop will be 1-3 p.m. Wednesday in the family advocacy conference center. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

Tyndall Top 3 meeting

The next Tyndall Top 3 meeting will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. All senior NCOs or senior NCO-selects are invited to attend. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Ken Townsend, 283-4523.

Parenthood-preparation course

The four-session parenthood-preparation course will continue 3-5 p.m. Wednesday and June 27 in the family advocacy conference center. Participants who complete the four classes will receive a dry erase memo board and pen. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

June 21 Anti-terrorism briefings

Mandatory Air Force Level One anti-terrorism briefings conducted by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations will be 8 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month in Building 656 next door to the security forces building. The briefings will last approximately 30 minutes and are for Air Force members with permanent change of station or temporary duty assignments to overseas locations. For more information, call AFOSI Detachment 419 Counterintelligence Program Manager, Special Agent Doug Hartwell, 283-3261 or 283-3262.

CMF Bible study

Christian Military Fellowship Bible study and fellowship will be 6-7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month in Building 1476, across from the wellness center. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Cindy Abbott, 283-4045 or 871-5089.

Yard Sales

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 3415-B Smith St., 2836-B Sentry Lane, 3181-A Voodoo Drive, 2740-A Eagle Drive, 3472-A Hunt Court and 2980-A Starfighter Ave. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Notes

F-22 comment period extension

In response to public requests, Air Force officials have extended the deadline for submitting public comments on the F-22 Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the first operational wing of F-22 Raptors at Langley Air Force Base, Va. to June 25. The draft EIS can be viewed at: www.cevp.com. Comments can be sent to: HQ ACC/CEVP; Attention: Brenda Cook, 129 Andrews St., Suite 102, Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769.

ROTC cadet encampments

Air Force ROTC cadets from detachments around the nation will be on base until Aug. 10 for two field training encampments. Each encampment will have approximately 360 cadets. All base personnel are asked not to interfere with the cadets during their training and to use caution when passing their marching formations on the street. Anyone with questions about the encampment can call Capt. Patrick Stephens, 283-8056.

TRICARE information

Up-to-date TRICARE information is available on the TRICARE Web site at: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa>. For those beneficiaries whose questions cannot be answered on the Web site, new toll-free telephone numbers include TRICARE For Life, (888) 363-5433 and the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program, (877) 363-6337.

Retiree News

Legislation affecting retirees

Restoration of retired pay (concurrent receipt)

Bill HR 303 currently has 339 cosponsors and Bill S 170 has 59 cosponsors. This bill would provide the restoration of military retired pay for those who served a career in the military. This would include those who served 20 or more years and retired for longevity or medical reasons. Also included are those who served 15 years and retired due to the draw down. Finally, those who retired from the National Guard and Reserve would receive restoration of retired pay.

Health care

Bill HR 179 currently has 301 cosponsors and S 278 has 9 cosponsors. This bill would provide the Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan for all military retirees and/or survivors, regardless of age. For those who entered the military prior to June 7, 1956, the government would pay the entire cost of the premium. For those who entered on or after June 7, 1956, the retiree or survivor would pay 28 percent of the premium and the government would pay 72 percent of

Hydrant pressure testing

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron will continue pressure testing fire hydrants and flushing water mains in family housing areas 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. until July 13. Occupants may experience discolored water during this period and for several days afterwards. It is recommended that white clothing not be washed until the water is clear again. For more information, call the civil engineer customer service office, 283-4949.

FSU office

The new Florida State University on-base office is now open 1-3:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 30 of the education center. In addition, Bob Shaw will be available 3-4 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 30 to talk with students about the bachelor's degree program in information studies offered at the FSU Panama City campus.

Yard of the month program

Tyndall's yard of the month program runs until Aug. 31. The selection of the "yard of the year" winners will be announced prior to Sept. 30. Judging for the contest will occur every third Thursday of the month and prizes will be awarded. Two or more inspection violations will disqualify residents from winning the contest. The housing areas included in the contest are: Shoal Point/Bay View (judged as one area); Felix Lake; Wood Manor I; Wood Manor II; Wood Manor III; and Red Fish Point. For more information, call Ms. Mary Ann Barbieri, 283-8140.

Base Theater



Today: "The Mummy Returns" (PG-13, adventure action and violence, 130 min.)

Saturday: "The Mummy Returns"

Sunday: "Driven" (PG-13, language and some intense crash sequences, 109 min.)

Thursday: "The Forsaken" (R, strong violence, gore, language and sexuality, 91 min.)

All movies start at 7 p.m.

There's only one way
to come out ahead
of the pack.

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American Heart Association
WE'RE FIGHTING FOR
YOUR LIFE

Take steps to ensure who receives life insurance benefits

Courtesy of 325th Staff
Judge Advocate

Serviceman's Group Life Insurance is the life insurance currently available to all members of the uniformed services. It offers military personnel good life insurance coverage at an affordable cost. It also gives military families peace of mind in the event that something unforeseen happens to their special person in uniform. In fact, the benefit has just recently

expanded with an increase in the maximum amount of coverage that a service-member may elect from \$200,000 to \$250,000.

Keeping that peace of mind is not just as simple as putting down "by law" where the forms call for a beneficiary. With the change in the amount of coverage now offered through this program, it is time to reexamine how it is designated as to who will receive the \$250,000 of SGLI from the policy.

SGLI (and other insurance policies) are ordinarily not distributed in accordance with a person's wishes as set forth in a last will and testament. In fact, the proceeds under SGLI are given to the named beneficiary on the insurance policy and not as expressed in any other legal document.

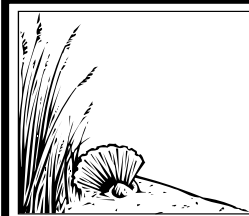
Furthermore, a significant life event, such as when a person dies or divorces, does not automatically change the named beneficiary on a policy.

The way to ensure that the proceeds are paid to your intended beneficiary is to name that person. Whenever a significant life event occurs, change the named beneficiary. If the "by law" designation is used instead of specifically naming a beneficiary, it is not certain that the intended beneficiary will receive the SGLI proceeds.

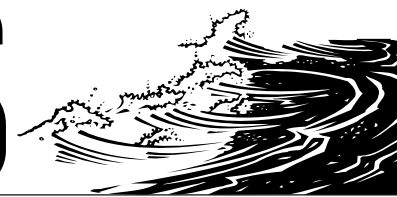
When "by law" is used instead of a specific beneficiary, federal law dictates that the proceeds go to the spouse, the children, the parents, the executor of the individual's last will and testament and the next of kin, in that order. There have been

cases where a military member's second spouse ends up receiving the SGLI benefits, while the children from a previous marriage receive nothing. This has happened even when the member's last will and testament designated the children as beneficiary and also when a divorce decree otherwise required that the SGLI proceeds go to a former spouse for the benefit of their children.

Now that the SGLI benefits have gone up, it is time to take a look at how you have designated the proceeds from that life insurance policy. Make sure that your designation will accurately reflect your intentions with regard to the intended beneficiary of that \$250,000. If you have any questions, contact the legal office, 283-4681 or the military personnel flight customer service at 283-3198.



Funshine NEWS



June 15, 2001

This page is produced by the 325th Services Marketing office, 283-4565.

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Volleyball Clinic

June 18-22. Ages 10-12: 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Ages 13-16: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.

Tennis Offerings

■ Group Tennis Lessons:

Group tennis lessons open to all ages through USA Tennis 1-2-3. June 28, 29 and July 5, 6, 12, 13. Call for ages groups and times.

Major League Soccer Camps

July 23-28. Cost: 7-18 yrs. \$45, 5-6 yrs. \$35. Every player needs to bring shin guards and a water bottle.

Basketball Camp

TYC gym basketball camp for ages 10-12 & 13-18. July 9-13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost \$10. Call for more information.

Teen Center

☎ 283-0295

Earn up to \$1000 in Educational Credits

Attention high school teens and parents. You can now earn dollar credits towards a future vocational, technical or college education. The youth employment skills (YES) program for high school students. YES allows high school students to "bank" \$4.00 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on base function. Students may accumulate as much as 250 hours over all 4 years of high school combined, for a potential maximum of \$1000 towards their future academic endeavors.

College is Possible

This 2 part program is for teens considering college, and their parents. Session one is June 22 at 6 p.m. in the CAC and is for parents only. Session 2 is July 11 at 6 p.m. for both parents and teens.

Fitness & Sports Center

Aerobics Canceled: June 25-30

The Racquetball courts and gym floor will be closed for annual resurfacing. For more info call: 283-2543

Bonita Bay Whitewater Rafting

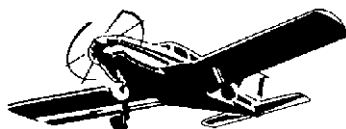
July 28-30 • Benton, TN

Call now and make your reservation for this exciting trip!

283-3199

Aero Club Flight Training Center

*Stop Dreaming
and Start Flying*



Current members are eligible to win up to \$3,000.00 new members \$50 + flight time. (June 1 - Sept. 30)

Private Pilot Ground School: July 9

Commercial Instrument: July 10

Call 283-4404 for more info.

Fun for the Whole Family

Heritage Day

Heritage Park
July 3 • 4 p.m.

- Fireworks
- Entertainment
- Food
- Beverages



**Public Welcome
Free Admission**

Officers' Club

☎ 283-4357

Win a Free Lunch!

Just find your name hidden in the Officers' Club calendar and you could win.

Continental Breakfast

Monday - Friday
6:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.

CGO Night

June 23, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
25% discount on all entrees

Skeet & Trap

☎ 283-3855

New Hours

Beginning July 1st the Skeet and Trap range will be open the 1st Wed. of each month 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and tournament weekends 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Win FREE Orlando, FL Vacation!



**AETC Club
Member Rewards**

AETC Club Member (Officers' or Enlisted Club) make a minimum \$2 food purchase at the club to receive a scratch off game card.

■ Match 2 symbols for food prizes and discounts

■ Match 3 symbols for a chance to win a vacation

Stop by your club for details.

Sponsored in part by Orlando Flexicket (Universal Studios, Universal's Islands of Adventure, Busch Gardens, Wet 'n Wild Water Park and Sea World Orlando) and The Armed Forces Vacation Club. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

2001 Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program

Air Force Services is conducting the fifth annual club membership scholarship program. Current club members and family members (spouse, children, step children, and grandchildren) of Air Force officers', enlisted, consolidated, and collocated club members are eligible to apply for scholarships via this program. Three scholarships will be awarded. First prize is \$5,000, second is \$3,000, and third is \$2,000. These prizes are made possible through commercial sponsorship provided by First USA Bank, Wilmington DE. No Federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Applicants must submit an application and a single-page summary of their long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments. The summary may include civic, athletic, and academic awards and accomplishments. Applicants must also submit an essay of 500 words or less on one of the following topic: *Air Force Clubs - The Value and Rewards of Membership.*

Nominations must be on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins. The essay should be typed in 12-point, Times New Roman, or an equal font style. The 325th Services Squadron marketing office, Bldg. 1013, must receive base-level nominations by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 13. Mailing address is 325 SVS/SVK Stop 31, 113 Suwannee Avenue, Tyndall AFB FL 32403-5717. Nomination packets are available at the Officers' club and Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. For more information, contact Peggy Geil at 283-4565.

Fifth Annual United States

Air Force Marathon

Sept. 22 • Wright-Patterson AFB

Call the Fitness Center for more information.

283-2631

Enlisted Club

☎ 283-4146

Every Tuesday Evening

All you can eat. Sirloin Steak Buffet

Every Wednesday Evening

2-4-1 Steak Night & Salad Bar \$12.95

Every Thursday Evening

Southern Fried Chicken \$6.95

Every Saturday Evening

All you can eat buffet

Prime Rib and more: \$12.95

Pelican Pt. Golf Course

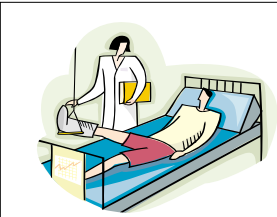
☎ 286-2565

Renovation Hours

The course will be closed on Mondays due to the greens renovation.

**Base Pool Closed
until approximately
June 30.**

**Subject to change due
to weather.**



TRICARE is here to help. If you need assistance, call your TRICARE service center, (800) 444-5445.

Sports & Fitness

It’s all about teamwork

Staff Sgt. Roel Utle
325th Fighter Wing
public affairs

You can often see people taking a leisurely jog along the beach, a swim in the gulf or perhaps even a bike ride through the country. But more than 1,000 people recently took all three events to the extreme during the Gulf Coast Triathlon. Among those 1,000 athletes were a small contingent of Tyndall airmen who took the challenge and completed the grueling 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride and 13.1-mile run.

Voted the ringleader by his fellow triathletes, Bob Frank finished third in the military division. Other members of the group were Jennifer Hunter, Lisa Eckert, Jason Armstrong, David Shahady, Mike Calidona and David Kempisty. The team, primarily a group of coworkers and acquaintances, began training in December with workouts ranging from 10-20 hours a week. The workouts not only helped condition the athletes for the half Ironman Triathlon; it also helped hone the skills

needed to complete the test of stamina. “I’m really bad at swimming,” said Armstrong. “These people helped me out big time.”

“For most of us, it wasn’t really about the race or the time, it was just about crossing the finish line,” Shahady said. “The race is what drove the workouts,” he added. Some people had to learn to swim while some had to learn to bike, Eckert said.

Although each airman entered the event in the single category, none of them were tackling the race alone. The group’s consensus was that none of them could have done it without the help of the others. As if the support of their fellow competitors was not enough, the group seemed delighted about the support rallied behind them by the volunteers from Tyndall who helped at aid stations along the way.

Of the group that trained together, all completed the triathlon — a testament unto itself of the group’s teamwork. The important thing, according to Frank, was that it was a good team victory.

Although two members of the group will soon move, the team “is always recruiting,” Frank said.

Spotlight



Catherine Layton

Staff Sgt. Jason Winer

Squadron: Operations Group
Job Title: Assistant training and reports monitor
Years in Air Force: 7.5 years.
Time at Tyndall: 2.5 years.
Hometown: Miami, FL
Why you joined the Air Force: I joined to serve my country and to see the world.
Greatest aspect of your job: The people I work and interact with.
Short-term goals: I would like to get a degree and progress in my career.
Long-term goals: To live a long, fruitful life with my beautiful new wife, Carmen.
Favorite book: Dante’s “Inferno”
Favorite movie: “Goodfellas”
Hobbies and activities: Sports, music and literature.



Bowl a few frames at Raptor Lanes

Monday-Wednesday: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Thursday: 9 a.m.-midnight Friday: 10 a.m.-2 a.m. Saturday: 9 a.m.-2 a.m. Sunday: 1-8 p.m.



Softball Standings					
Large squadron			Small squadron		
	W	L		W	L
COMM1	5	0	82 ATRS	3	0
MSS	4	0	MXS 1	3	0
CES	4	1	SFS	4	1
MDG	3	1	AFCESA	2	1
1FS	4	2	CONS	1	1
OSS	2	1	MXS 2	2	2
SEADS1	3	2	LSS	1	1
95 FS	2	2	SVS	2	2
TRS Blue	2	4	TEST	2	2
SEADS 2	1	3	RHS	1	2
2 FS	1	3	TW	1	2
COMM 2	1	4	FWS 1	0	3
CONR	0	4	FWS 2	0	5
TRS Red	0	5			



Last attempt for a women’s softball league

A coaches meeting for those interested in forming a women’s softball league is scheduled at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the fitness center.

Active-duty members, dependents over 18 years old, Department of Defense civilians and contractors are authorized to participate.

Contact your squadron sports representative or the fitness center at 283-2631 for more information.

Today in history

- 1215

King John signs the Magna Carta.
- 1381

The English peasant revolt is crushed in London.
- 1607

Colonists in North America complete James Fort in Jamestown.
- 1752

Benjamin Franklin and his son test the relationship between electricity and lightning by flying a kite in a thunderstorm.
- 1775

George Washington is named Commander in Chief by Congress.
- 1836

Arkansas is admitted into the Union as the 25th state.
- 1846

Great Britain and the United States agree on a joint occupation of Oregon Territory.
- 1849

James K. Polk, the 11th president of the United States, dies.
- 1877

Henry O. Flipper becomes the first African American to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.
- 1898

The U.S. House of Representatives approves the annexation of Hawaii.
- 1916

President Woodrow Wilson signs a bill incorporating the Boy Scouts of America.
- 1944

U.S. Marines begin the invasion of Saipan in Pacific.

Tyndall Classifieds

Banana trees for sale. All are in containers from sprouts to 8’ high. Prices range from \$5 to \$21. Call James, 235-6992 after 5 p.m.

School and sports physicals offered

All children attending school in the state of Florida for the first time or children who plan to play on any school sports teams need a current physical exam. The Tyndall Air Force Base Medical Group is offering a special clinic for school and sports physicals.

The clinics will be offered in the pediatric clinic 8 a.m.-4 p.m. July 12 , July 26, Aug. 2 and Aug. 23. These will be the last dedicated school and sports physical clinics offered this summer.

Parents are requested to bring the physical forms and must bring in the child’s shot records. Immunization technicians will be on hand to screen the records and provide any immunizations required.

Call central appointments, 283-2778 or (800) 824-3454, for an appointment. Call the pediatric clinic, 283-7678 or 7652 for any questions.

